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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

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**REPORT**

Date July 26 1937.

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Subject Reported appointment of General Yang Hu to Shanghai Mayorship.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

This report which originated from Nanking has not yet been confirmed from enquiries in local official circles. It appears that Messrs. Yu Ya Ching and Tu Yueh Sung who recently went to Kuling to explain the Cotton Goods Exchange speculations, had an interview with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and strongly recommended the appointment of General Yang Hu to the post of Mayor of Shanghai pointing out he would be more suitable and efficient in time of emergency. Mr. Tu is the sworn brother of General Yang Hu. It is learnt that Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek is hesitating to make this appointment in view of General Yang Hu being surrounded by a number of followers who do not enjoy a very good reputation.

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It is learned that the National Government has decided to appoint General Chang Chun as Mayor of the Shanghai Municipality, but the announcement of this appointment will be withheld until November, 1937, as General Chang will soon leave for abroad on a six months' tour of inspection. Mr. O. K. Yui will continue to serve as Acting Mayor of Shanghai.

Subsequent to the announcement of the transfer of General Wu Te-chen from Shanghai to Kwangtung, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, formerly Chief Judge at the International Court, Hague, and at present Minister of Foreign Affairs and Acting President of the Executive Yuan, strongly recommended Dr. Wei Tao-min ( ), a lawyer and ex-Mayor of Nanking, to be Mayor Wu's successor in Shanghai. This recommendation was strongly opposed by the Kuomintang chiefs at Nanking, who advocated that in view of the unfavourable impression Wei Tao-min had left upon the local Chinese community by his unscrupulous activities which, it is alleged, he conducted with the co-operation of Miss Soumei Chen, then Chief of the Shanghai District Court in 1927, while he himself was practising as a lawyer, he was unqualified to hold the important post of Mayor of Shanghai. In order to avoid making public the dispute between Nanking officials and Dr. Wang, the Kuomintang chiefs at Nanking secretly instructed the local Tangpu to

issue a circular telegram urging the Government to take special care in selecting the future mayor of Shanghai. This instruction was carried out and the telegram appeared in the local Chinese Press on March 25th, 1937.

This development caused General Chiang to veto Dr. Wang's recommendation, but as a means to remove any displeasure which Dr. Wang might feel in consequence of the rejection of his recommendation, General Chiang arranged to appoint Dr. Wei Tao-min as Acting Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, a post theoretically higher than that of Mayor, but less important as compared with the Mayoralty of the Shanghai Municipality.

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THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1937

# SHANGHAI MAYOR TO BE APPOINTED

## Gen. Yang Hu Reported for the Post

Nanking, July 23.

According to an unconfirmed report in circulation here to-day, General Yang Hu, Garrison Commander of Shanghai and Woosung, is to be appointed Mayor of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai.

He in turn will be succeeded by General Ku Chen-lun, while General Kwei Yung-ching will become Garrison Commander of Nanking.

The vacancy in the mayoralty of Greater Shanghai was caused by the transfer of General Wu Teh-chen to Kwangtung as Governor. Since he relinquished the post, Mr. O. K. Yui has been serving as Acting Mayor.—Reuters Pacific Service.

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2, Special Branch. ~~xxxxx~~,

## REPORT

Date April 27, 37.

*Subject* Report in Chinese newspaper re appointment of Ho Shih Tseng as Mayor of Shanghai.

*Made by* and *Forwarded by* Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

Enquiries in Secretariat of Shanghai City Government and Police Bureau have failed to confirm the above report. There is no likelihood of Dr. Ho Shih Tseng being appointed; he is closely connected with the Cantonese politicians and for sometime past engaged in anti-Chiang propaganda.

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent.

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April 26, 1937. Afternoon Translation.

Diamond (金剛鑽):

DR. HO SHIH TSENG POSSIBLE MAYOR OF SHANGHAI

According to information received, the National Government may appoint Dr. Ho Shih Tseng (何世禎), a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, to the post of Mayor of Shanghai, which was vacated by General Wu Te-chen when he became Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. Dr. Ho, age 44, native of Anhwei, was formerly the President of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch, Shanghai,

**REPORT**

Date April 13, 1937.

Subject Appointee to the Mayoralty of the Shanghai Municipality.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J. Coyne & SI

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT

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Special Branch Section,
Date March 25, 1937.

Subject Activities of General Chang Chun to secure Shanghai Mayorship.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

A member of the local Tangpu informs me that General Chang Chun, Secretary to the Political Council of Nanking, since his arrival in Shanghai, has been very active in securing support from local Tangpu in securing the position as Mayor of Shanghai.

It will be remembered that during his tenure of office as Shanghai Mayor, General Chang Chun was not very friendly with the S.M.C. It was him who caused obstruction to repairs on outside roads by S.M.C. at one time and also caused the establishment of a number of Police Sub-Stations on extra-Settlement roads and the subsequent carrying out of patrols by the Chapei Policemen, in addition to other infringements of Municipal rights such as taking out of permits for buildings etc.

It is also reported that Mayor Wu Te Chen is not anxious to leave for Canton to assume his new duties although it will mean a promotion in the transfer. His predecessor Mr. Wang Mou Sung died, it is alleged, through ill health caused by worriedness over the intervention with civil administration by military rulers headed by General Yu Han Mow, the Pacification Commissioner.

In consequence of the control exercised by the military leaders over appointments etc., Mr. H.O. Tong was the first of the Nanking officials who had to quit his post as Salt Commissioner and Mr. T.L. Soong, the Financial Commissioner, followed suit.

It is also alleged that Mr. Tseng Yang Fu, the Mayor of Canton, has applied to Nanking for his transfer to the Ministry of Railway or to the Shanghai Mayorship.

Tan Shao-liang
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REPORT

Date March 24, 1937.

Subject The Shanghai Mayorship.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

Mr. Hwang Hwa, in the course of a conversation this morning, reveals that the appointment of Mr. O.K.Yui as Acting Mayor of Shanghai is only a temporary measure and that confirmation of his appointment to this high post is not likely to be approved by Nanking.

The candidates nominated include General Chang Chun, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tseng Yang Fu, Mayor of Canton, and General Chien Ta Kyung, Aid-de-Camp to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and once Woosung-Shanghai Defence Commissioner.

It is most likely that the last named official will succeed in securing this appointment.

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent.

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**SECRET** **REPORT**

Date February 22, 1937.

Subject Changes in the Administration of the City Government.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Coyne

It is reported that as a result of a change of front by the Central Government changes will be made in the personnel of the local City Government, the most important of which will be the appointment of Mayor Wu Teh Chen to a Provincial Governorship, probably that of Hunan.

The transfer, it is believed, has been brought about by the military faction, which is of the opinion that the Mayor has not been strong enough vis-a-vis the Japanese question. Regarding this, it is reported that the Military will in the future take the lead in the direction of public bodies and labour organizations, and that the influence of the Tangpu will be greatly reduced.

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S.2, Special Branch Section,

REPORT

Date February 6, 1937.

Subject Rumours re changes in Government personnel.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

It is rumoured in official circles that General Chien Ta Chuin, the Chief Adjutant to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, who was wounded during the coup in Sianfu, will be appointed Mayor of Shanghai.

General Chien was Defence Commander of Woosung-Shanghai in 1930. Whilst in Shanghai, he allowed opium smuggling, held up visitors to the International Race Course in order to compel the latter to pay certain fees, etc. He was not well liked by the people.

It is also rumoured that Mr. Wang Ching Wei, the veteran Kuomintang leader, who ~~recently~~ yesterday came to Shanghai, had requested Generalissimo Chiang to appoint three of his adherents as Ministers and one as Mayor.

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent.

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S.2, Special Branch, ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date January 22, 1937.

Subject Rumoured transfer of Mayor Wu Te Chen

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

It is reported that General Wu Te Chen, the Mayor of Shanghai who recently went to Fenghua, has departed for Nanking in connection with rumours that have been in circulation for sometime that he will be replaced by General Chang Ting Van, a nominee of the Kwangsi Clique.

General Chang, it will be remembered, was the Chief of Staff to General Pei Chung Hsi, Defence Commissioner of Shanghai in 1927, and was the Mayor of the Shanghai City Government sometime between 1928 and 1929.

General Chang Ting Van is said to have demanded to Nanking that he is not to be interfered with in the appointment of his subordinate officers especially the Chief of the Police Bureau and the Chief of Finance Bureau.

The present Chief of Police, General Tsai Ching Chun, and the Chief of the Finance Bureau, Mr. Hsu Fu, have been appointed by Nanking through recommendation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. This disagreement may cause delay in the change and help Mayor Wu to retain the present position.

Mayor Wu Te Chen has lost much support from Nanking through the death of Mr. Yang Yung Tai, the Civil Governor of Hupeh, and is reported to be endeavouring to secure an appointment as Minister or Ambassador to go abroad.

Whether there will be any change or not will be decided in February during the conference.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date October 29, 1936.

Subject Nanking Government pressed hard by General Han Fu Chu for money for military expenses. Disagreement between General Yang Hu & Mayor Wu Teh Cheng.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

During an interview with a close follower of Mr. T. V. Soong, it was revealed that Dr. H. H. Kung recently absented himself from Nanking for a couple of weeks and remained in Shanghai ostensibly on account of ill health but in reality to avoid being embarrassed by demands presented to Nanking by Northern military leaders including General Sung Chi Yuen and General Han Fu-chu. The latter, during his recent visit to Hangchow, interviewed Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and pledged his loyalty in case of war but demanded a huge sum of money for preparations.

General Sung Chi Yuen of Hopei did not come south personally; he sent a delegate to Nanking to make similar demands.

I learn from the same source that General Yang Hu, the Woosung-Shanghai Defence Commissioner, has, through the able service of his Chief of Staff General Eu-Yang, recently secured one hundred thousand dollars from the Nanking Military Council under the pretext that the money was required for emergency purposes, but instead of putting the money to this use he has spent a portion on purchase of new motor cars for himself and for important staff officers.

This aroused the envy of Mayor Wu Teh Cheng and these two high officers are not now on good terms.

General Yang Hu lost much face on the day when the 10 airplanes bought as birthday gifts to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, with money from local contributions, were christened in public at Lunghwa. General Yang Hu secured some contributions from the Seamen's Union (of which he is Chairman) but was not given the chance of naming one of the aeroplanes and his wife who was present was not given the privilege, accorded to Madame

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Wu Teh Cheng and Madame Tsai Chin Chun, of christening an aeroplane. This was said to have been arranged by Mayor Wu in an endeavour to lower the prestige of General Yang Hu as a local Defence Commissioner before the general public.

Tau Shao Liang
Superintendent.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch)